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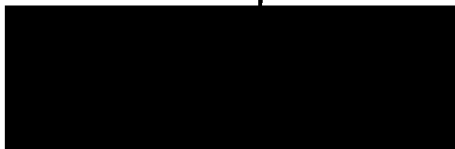
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TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Energy Policy Legislation

The attached memorandum reviews the current status of legislation in the U.S. Congress proposing the creation of two new agencies out of the Atomic Energy Commission. You expressed an interest in the implications of this for USIB at the 15 April NIO meeting.

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asked that I pull this legislation together for him. He also asked that we determine on the bill if the reorganization would affect AEC's USIB membership.

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After several inquiries, including USIB Secretariat I advised that this question is not premature.

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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Director

SUBJECT : Pending Legislation Affecting U.S.
Energy Policy and the Intelligence
Community

1. There are several bills currently under consideration in the U.S. Congress which, if passed, will transfer basic responsibility for U.S. energy policy to several new agencies. At the same time, these bills will split the Atomic Energy Commission into two agencies, raising the question of AEC's role in USIB.

2. The most prominent energy bill currently under consideration calls for the creation of an Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) and a Nuclear Energy Commission (NEC). This bill has passed the House but not the Senate. Each of the proposed new agencies will incorporate components of AEC's current responsibilities. ERDA will assume all functions of the AEC other than its licensing and regulatory responsibilities, which will be transferred to the NEC. ERDA will also acquire Interior's Office of Coal Research and Bureau of Mines, the National Science Foundation's sections on solar and geothermal power, and the responsibility for work on alternative automotive power systems currently being conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency. ERDA's missions will include R&D on all forms of energy, environmental research, nuclear production, enrichment, and distribution, conservation R&D, and the development and production of nuclear weapons. Responsibility for military applications research will be reviewed in one year of the creation of ERDA by the Secretary of Defense and ERDA's administrator to determine if that function should be transferred to the Department of Defense.

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3. President Nixon's proposal for a Department of Energy and Natural Resources is still on the back-burner. The energy crisis has focused more attention on such institutions as ERDA to develop a comprehensive program of energy research and development in support of Project Independence.

4. While intelligence activities are not specifically stated in either the House or Senate version of the bill to create ERDA and NEC, ERDA is the more likely agency under the terms of the proposed legislation to assume AEC's responsibilities in USIB. However, the overall legislative package is several months from being completed and new arrangements may be proposed, making judgments on the final responsibilities of ERDA and NEC or on future USIB representation somewhat tenuous at this time.

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